More than 200 students are expected to receive their bac-
calaurate degrees during the Spring Commencement ex-
ception to be held on Sat-
day, May 10, at the Charles W. Johnson Football Stadium.
home field of the BC Tigers.
located at Real Street and Two
North Road, Columbia.
Representative Joseph H.
Neal, Representative of District
76, will deliver the Commence-
ment Address, Rep. Neal, who
is a graduate of Benedict Col-
lege, studied at the Colgate
School of Divinity, Rochester
N.Y. and continued his stud-
ies at the Princeton Theological
School, Pittsburg, Pa. He ha-
done further study at the Uni-
versity of South Carolina.
Presently, Representative
Neal is employed as a Senior
Consultant for New Horizons
Inc., a management consulting
service consortium for person-
nel management training and
development of customized
software applications. He has
worked as an instructor in
Richland School District 1,
Counselor for the Department of
Student Justice; Personnel
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genning Co.; and as a Re-
cruitment Program Manager for
the State Board and Con-
trol Board, Division of Human
Resource Management.
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eighth term as the Represen-
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Aundrea Mack wins
Miss Benedict College
2008-2009 crown

The new Miss Benedict Col-
lege is Aundrea Mack, who was
selected during campus-wide
elections held on April 9.
Mack, who is a member of the
Delphi Sigma Theta, national
fraternity of Greek women,
was selected for the position
because it was something she wanted since her freshman year.
Mack said she was excited
about this opportunity to
represent Benedict and
the newly founded school.
How she plans to carry out her
position, Mack of North
Fort, S.C., said one of her goals
is to change the media view
of African-American women
that became law in the 2005 ses-
sion.

The School of Humanities,
Arts, and Social Sciences
(HASS) at Benedict College
organized a “Big Read” pro-
duct during the academic
year, which included a com-
munity-wide book readings,
panel discussions and artistic
content, and theatrical produc-
tion of Gaines’ award-winning

Darius D. Porcher
Staff Writer

Aerial view of the 2007 Spring Commencement
being held at the Charlie W. Johnson Football Stadium.
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Advice From The Editor's Desk

HBCU Pride

The Student Government Association program "HBCU Pride" is a partnership between the Student Affairs Committee and a number of Greek letter organizations supposedly run by African American students. With the word "pride" in the name, it sounds like the students are working to maintain pride in Benedict College as far as campus events go. For some Benedict students, it has only been proved by being here at Benedict but also plays an important role in attempting to attract a historically black college and university (HBCU) student body. So, for me as one such student, it is hard to understand why other students are not interested in the "HBCU Pride" enthusiasm or enthusiasm.

On another occasion, I have been surrounded by ten black students who were talking about everything about Benedict College but not what student body involvement in "HBCU Pride" would be like. I don't think the food in the cafeteria is making food at Benedict College the experience is making the students interested in it. I am sure there are other reasons why the students are not interested in "HBCU Pride". I hope that it will be similar.

My wanting to attend an HBCU was not a wish but a result of some of the experiences and opportunities that I have had in my life. I knew that a school like Benedict would succeed and that I would have no problem becoming myself as a black student. But I don't know any of the other HBCU's like Benedict, so I don't know if students will be interested there. I hope that it will be similar in those situations. I do have a good experience in my past because I have got to attend some other HBCU's that have done for me and for so many others because I have enjoyed the experience.

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Founder's Day features recent graduates, inducts half-century alumni

By Johnathan Randolph

Staff Writer/Photo Editor

Benedict College celebrated its 155th annual Founder's Day on Feb. 13, in the Assembly Hall.

John Pepper, former chairman of the board of directors and president of Disney Enterprises, Inc., was the keynote speaker. Pepper addressed a sold-out audience at Benedict College that day, telling students they are "the future learning" as he did when he was a student.

Speaking on the topic of "The Struggle continues," Pepper addressed Benedict College students, April 2, Pepper delivered a formal address in the Assembly Hall. "The most important thing I learned in college is to be able to stay focused and make sure that you are engaging at all times in the learning experience," he added. "We are all reaching out to others to learn. He then answered questions prepared by pre-selected bunch of students. Question topics ranged from the weak American dollars to the affect of Disney to money themes to be more exciting.

He also had a speech with a plea to all the students to promise that they continue to work on their degrees until they can get a degree in their major.

The College Wind Ensemble, conducted members of the Half-Century Club, starting in 1935 to 1957.

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By Ashley Tillman
Editor in Chief

Tyecia N. Smalls receives crown as Miss Benedict College 2007-2008

Once everyone had been seated on the stage, a series of tributes to Smalls began, with the first one being a song by Tamone Bacon, whose singing got this audience from a member of the audience, “Y ou better sing that!”

Angelica Smalls, the great- est of all, next gave a speech honoring her niece, in which she said that she “always sensed something special” in her niece who, she noted, “always gave to her siblings needs de- spite her own.”

She then added, “Tyecia is a tal- ented artist that has had her work published.”

About the choices her niece made in her life, she admitted that she was still “amazed” at her niece’s success.

Dymar Thompson gave an- other tribute song, followed by remarks by Sigma Gamma Rho Stroman. In her acceptance speech, Smalls thanked the student body for its support. She also thanked her campaign team, which was called the “Dream Team.”

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Palmetto Capital City Classics features 'difference experience' for T-Rex fans

By Marquita Watson & Tamendre Hendrick
Contributing Writer & Staff Writer

The Palmetto Capital Clas-
ics (PCC) was a different ex-
perience for Benedict this year.

Though the Tigers were extre-
mely proud on the field after their first PCC on their new turf, the experience outside of the game came with its own set of things that didn't go according to plan.

The changes made this year's game included the ticket office lo-
cation, the posting of events at the front and back gates, and the band not being able to perform in full on the field.

This year those who had tick-
etes were surprised that ticket-
ors had to be the part of the tour of the band. “Most of the time intermediate and top sports are working in the ticket office in front of the students, you may not be planning to be a student at Benedict College, which took place on Sept. 13, at 11 a.m. in the Benjamin E. Mays Human Re-

DEGREES from page 4 (December 2007 graduates)


TINUING EDUCATION: Interdisciplinary Studies: Christina Presley* — Cum Laude; Biochemistry: Fereshteh Movassaghi; Columbia, SC; Public Health: Bernard Broughton, III* — Summa Cum Laude***, School of Business and Public Administration: Candace E. Ford; Sociology: E. Shanesha Berry; Columbia, SC; History: Jessica Green. 

Well, Marcus Webb, we would like to say thank you and good luck to you and your teammates on the remainder of your season. Webb:

“Tiger News:

If so, was it challenging? And what did you learn from the experience this year for some than in any other year?”

I have been a quarterback on the team for three years, but playing on the field for two. “Webb:

“We had a football training camp held this summer. That was definitely the most overbearing obstacle. But besides that we had some disciplinary problems and some personal things that were going on at home.”

I think that we have improved as a team as a whole because we have come together and jelled as a team. “Webb:

“If anything, I'm a team player. If I've said something mean about someone else, you can't do nothing about it. You can't do nothing about it.”

He also advised them to “Be a team player. If you don’t go to all your classes.”

“I ask you to do your best to work with the students and don’t betray them. Letting the locals dance their experience to the Success Equals Educa-

 presidente David H. Swinton, who was the keynote speaker, began his address from the stage. “The world needs you to be the best that you can be, but you can’t be the best that you can be if you don’t do anything.”

Mostly I noticed that food and vegetables, and barbeque hash. With the aroma of food, the tasteful smelling foods around. I let the locals dance their experience to the Success Equals Educa-

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President Swinton addressing the facing page: Mr.

T-Rex fans was also being sold at the front and back gates, but many people did not know this. These students, and especially veterans, who did not know about ticket prices, had to hear the ticket prices on Ticket Office Two. But only to end up not that they could have bought tickets at the gate. Most were about it.

“Michael Higgins, senior Com-

puter Science major, who also made the keynote address for the Benedict’s marching band, and the Palmetto City Classics. “The time difference is more in the fact that we could’ve had on the crowd he made was that tailgaters were not allowed to be on the property without purchasing tickets whether or not they planned on attending the game. While many people complained against this, they approved the event that this was a good idea.

They think they are trying to lose their control over the crowd and make this a bigger event. The band gives an idea that this is the best that they can do. “You should not be at Benedict College. You can’t do nothing about it.”

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**Community Life holds mandatory dorm meetings**

By Cierra Proctor  
Staff Writer

The Community Life Department at Benedict College held the first mandatory dorm meetings on March 19 in all six dormitories. The meetings lasted approximately one hour and were held to discuss what the Community Life’s charges were, explained each of them to the students. Jones told them about her office’s concerns, which in- clude dorm safety and computer access. She said visitors to dorms must sign in for specific reasons. She stressed that many parents are not accessible to the police because some students have been cutting the dorm keys, which is a dangerous act.

Jones informed all the students about the guarded gates, which are under 24-hour surveillance.

**TigerFest provides week of fun activities, fashion show**

By Ebony Shellton  
Editor in Chief

The Annual Benedict College TigerFest is back this year. March 20-22 marked the third annual TigerFest. This weekend, students had the opportunity to participate in many events and activities taking place in the HRC Arena on April 4.

One of the concerns, Jones said, was to keep the dormitories clean. Jones added that the students need to remember that their letters of concern about dorm conditions are not being ignored.

About one of these concerns, Jones said, was that the water was not stolen, the computers are not able to access. She said, “I stand by my concern.”

By Ebony S. Shellton

**Benedict College professor and student attend Grammy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles**

By Johnathan Randolph

A Benedict College student may have had a childhood experience come true last Saturday when he attended the 56th annual Grammy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles. The student, Preston Kirby, a senior, Mass Communication, Department of English, Foreign Languages and Mass Communication, was given the opportunity to attend, a person has to be recommended by a member of the Recording Academy, which he was.

Davis noted, “I met Terry Lewis, who is the father of the famous rapper, ‘Weezy’ and ‘Weezy’ is actually coming to town this Thursday.”

Kirby was recommended by his mentor, Dr. Norma L. Jackson, director of the College’s College of Arts and Sciences.

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The students, who serve as ‘paparazzi’ for the annual “special” program.

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The Charles Brooks Theatre Ensemble, in conjunction with HASS and The Charles Brooks Staff Writer.

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Top team in the 2007-08 BCS Final Top Ten — First for an SIAC school

There were no Después Riveras for black college men's basketball this year, but that didn't mean there were no dominant teams. And the most dominant team this year was clearly the Tuskegee Tigers.

Benedict (25-5) was the SIAC regular season title by a whopping six games and followed that with a scintillating run to that league's tournament title. This is a second seed in the NCAA DII, South Region, the Tigers get the SIAC's first post-tournament win in 17 years with a first round victory, and another win to reach the Regional.

The BC Men’s basketball team has a record of 23-3 in the regular season and 17-3 in conference play. They are the SIAC regular season and tournament champions. They are ranked No. 1 in the country by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). They are also the defending National Champions.

The BC Men’s basketball team is led by junior guard Jamar Johnson, who was named the SIAC Player of the Year. Johnson is averaging 18.5 points per game and has been named to the All-SIAC First Team.

The BC Men’s basketball team is coached by Head Coach Greg Williams. Williams is in his seventh season as the head coach of the BC Men’s basketball team.

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